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Kindly enter Applicants' "Comments on the Substance of the Interview" without prejudice as follows:

**Comments on the Substance of the Interview**

An interview was conducted between Examiner Tung Vo and a representative (Daniel Wasil, Reg. No. 45,303) of the Applicants. The Examiner initiated the interview.

On June 24, 2010 the Examiner called the representative to request permission for an Examiner's amendment that would cancel claims 7-8, 13, 35-36, and 48-49. As a result, the remaining claims 19, 24-27, 40, and 50-54 would then be allowed.

The representative indicated to the Examiner that an informal proposed amendment would be sent to the Examiner after the claims were proofread. The Examiner could then use the proposed amendment in preparing an Examiner's amendment.

The informal proposed amendment was sent to the Examiner on June 28, 2010. Remarks in the proposed amendment authorized the Examiner to enter the proposed amendment by Examiner's amendment. A copy of the informal proposed amendment is attached.

The Examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowability dated July 15, 2010 substantially corresponds to the amendment authorized by the Applicants. However, there are some differences. An amendment after allowance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is being separately filed to rectify these differences.

The courtesy provided by Examiner Tung Vo was appreciated.

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**Informal Proposed Amendment For Purposes Of Examiner Consideration**

In response to an invitation from the Examiner, proposed herein without prejudice is a claim amendment for the Examiner's consideration.

## **Amendments to the Claims**

1-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a service provider (SP) station including:

an SP visual display,

an SP CCTV camera,

an SP audio transmitting device and an SP audio receiving device,

an SP pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device,

a plurality of customer stations, wherein each of the customer stations is in operative connection with the SP station.

wherein at least one customer station of the plurality of customer stations includes: including:

a customer visual display, wherein the customer visual display is in operative connection with the SP CCTV camera,

a customer CCTV camera in operative connection with the SP visual display,

a customer audio transmitting device and a customer audio receiving device in operative connection with the SP audio receiving device and SP audio transmitting device, respectively,

a customer pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device in operative connection with the SP pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device, wherein a carrier is enabled to be selectively moved between the at least one customer station and the SP station, and

a building,

wherein the plurality of customer stations are in the building,

wherein the building comprises an interior area which includes an interior wall extending therein,

wherein the SP station is housed in the interior area,

wherein the at least one customer station is positioned within the interior area, and

wherein at least one component among the customer visual display, customer CCTV camera, customer audio transmitting device, customer audio receiving device, and customer carrier delivery and receiving device of the at least one customer station is positioned within the interior area in operatively supporting connection with the interior wall,

wherein the building includes a secure room,

wherein the SP station is housed in the secure room,

wherein the at least one customer station is disposed outside of the secure room [[,]]

~~a plurality of customer stations in the building, wherein each of the customer stations is in operative connection with the SP station.~~

20-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a service provider (SP) station including:

an SP visual display,

an SP CCTV camera,

an SP audio transmitting device and an SP audio receiving device,

an SP pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device,

customer stations in operative connection with the SP station.

wherein each of a plurality of the customer stations include a device actuatable by a customer at a customer station,

wherein at least one customer station of the customer stations includes: including:

a customer visual display, wherein the customer visual display is in operative connection with the SP CCTV camera,

a customer CCTV camera in operative connection with the SP visual display,

a customer audio transmitting device and a customer audio receiving device in operative connection with the SP audio receiving device and SP audio transmitting device, respectively,

a customer pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device in operative connection with the SP pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device, wherein a carrier is enabled to be selectively moved between the at least one customer station and the SP station,

a building,

wherein the building comprises an interior area which includes an interior wall extending therein,

wherein the SP station is housed in the interior area, and

wherein at least one component among the customer visual display, customer CCTV camera, customer audio transmitting device, customer audio receiving device, and customer carrier delivery and receiving device of the at least one customer station is positioned within the interior area in operatively supporting connection with the interior wall,

~~a plurality of customer stations in operative connection with the SP station, and~~

~~wherein each customer station includes a device actuatable by a customer at a customer station;~~

a queuing device at the SP station,

wherein the queuing device is in operative connection with each customer actuatable device,

wherein the queuing device is operative to generate an order,

wherein the order includes data representative of a time sequence in which the actuatable devices at the plurality of the customer stations were actuated, and

wherein the queuing device is operative to indicate data responsive to the order.

25. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24 wherein the SP station further includes a communication selector unit, and wherein the system is operative responsive to inputs to the selector unit to selectively place the SP station in video and audio communication with one of the plurality of the customer stations, and wherein the selector unit is in operative connection with the queuing device, and wherein the queuing device is operative to remove from the order the data representative of the one customer station responsive to the selector unit operating to place the one customer station and the SP station in communication.

26. (previously presented) The system according to claim 25 wherein the customer actuatable device comprises a customer presence sensor, and wherein the queuing device is operative to defer placing data representative of the one customer station in the order while the SP station and the one customer station are in video and audio communication.

27. (previously presented) The system according to claim 26 and wherein the queuing device is operative to place data representative of the one customer station in the order again after the customer presence sensor ceases to sense the customer adjacent the one customer station subsequent to the one customer station and SP station being in communication, and thereafter again senses a customer.

28-39. (canceled)

40. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a service provider (SP) station including:

an SP visual display,

an SP CCTV camera,

an SP audio transmitting device and an SP audio receiving device,

an SP pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device,

customer stations.

wherein at least one customer station of the customer stations includes: including-

a customer visual display, wherein the customer visual display is in operative connection with the SP CCTV camera,

a customer CCTV camera in operative connection with the SP visual display,

a customer audio transmitting device and a customer audio receiving device in operative connection with the SP audio receiving device and SP audio transmitting device, respectively,

a customer pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device in operative connection with the SP pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device, wherein a carrier is enabled to be selectively moved between the at least one customer station and the SP station,

a building,

wherein the building comprises an interior area which includes an interior wall extending therein,

wherein the SP station is housed in the interior area,

wherein at least one component among the customer visual display, customer CCTV camera, customer audio transmitting device, customer audio receiving device, and customer carrier delivery and receiving device of the at least one customer station is positioned within the interior area in operatively supporting connection with the interior wall,

wherein a plurality of the customer stations are positioned within the interior area, of the building,

wherein each of the plurality of the customer stations station includes:

a customer visual display, wherein the customer visual display is in operative connection with the SP station,

a customer CCTV camera in operative connection with the SP station,

a customer audio transmitting device in operative connection with the SP station,

a customer audio receiving device in operative connection with the SP station, and

a customer pneumatic tube carrier delivery and receiving device in operative connection with the SP station, wherein a carrier is enabled to be selectively moved between the respective customer station and the SP station.

41-49. (canceled)

50. (currently amended) A transaction system comprising:

a building,

wherein the building includes a fixed interior wall,

wherein the interior wall includes a support frame,

wherein the building includes a secure room,

a service provider (SP) station housed in the building,

wherein the SP station is housed inside the secure room,

wherein the SP station includes SP communication devices,

wherein the SP communication devices include an SP camera device,

wherein the SP camera device is operative to generate video material,

wherein the SP station includes at least one SP pneumatic tube carrier terminal,

a plurality of customer stations housed in the building,

wherein each customer station includes customer communication devices operatively connected to the SP communication devices, enabling two way audio and video communication between a customer at each respective customer station and an SP at the SP station,

wherein the customer communication devices include a customer display device,

wherein the customer display device is operatively supported by the frame,

wherein each respective customer station includes a customer pneumatic tube carrier terminal in operative connection with the at least one SP pneumatic tube carrier terminal, enabling a carrier to be pneumatically moved between each respective customer station and the SP station,

wherein each customer pneumatic tube carrier terminal is in operatively supporting connection with the interior wall,

wherein each respective customer station is located outside of the secure room,

wherein the plurality of customer stations include a first customer station,

a video material presenting device,

wherein the video material presenting device is operative to provide video material to each respective customer display device,

a video control device,

wherein the video control device controls presentation of video material at each respective customer display device,

wherein the video control device is operative to selectively present video material provided by the SP camera device at each respective customer display device,

wherein while a first customer at the first customer station is in two way audio and video communication with the SP at the SP station, the video control device causes video material provided by the SP camera device to be presented at the customer display device of the first customer station,

wherein the video control device is operative to selectively present video material provided by the video material presenting device at each respective customer display device,

wherein while the first customer at the first customer station is out of two way audio and video communication with the SP station, the video control device causes video material provided by the video material presenting device to be presented at the customer display device of the first customer station.

51. (previously presented) The transaction system according to claim 50 and further comprising a data store,

wherein the data store includes video material,

wherein the video material presenting device is in operative connection with the data store,

wherein the video material presenting device is operative to provide video material from the data store to each respective customer display device.

52. (previously presented) The transaction system according to claim 51

wherein the data store includes video material comprising advertising material,

wherein the video material presenting device is operative to provide advertising material from the data store to each respective customer display device.

53. (previously presented) The transaction system according to claim 50

wherein the video material presenting device is in operative connection with a video broadcast source,

wherein the video material presenting device is operative to provide video material from the video broadcast source to each respective customer display device.

54. (currently amended) The transaction system according to claim 50 and further comprising a movable user interface,

wherein the frame comprises a door frame,

wherein the user interface is operatively supported by the door frame,

wherein the user interface includes a display device opening,

wherein when the user interface is in an operative position, the display device is visible through the display device opening.

**REMARKS**

Claims 19, 24-27, 40, and 50-54 are pending. Claims have been modified to improve claim readability. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner's invitation to present the above proposed amendment is greatly appreciated.

Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the above proposed amendment would place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, the *Examiner is authorized to enter the proposed amendment by Examiner's Amendment* without prejudice, in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

As a courtesy to the Office, a clean version (having numbered pages C-1 to C-11) of the above proposed amendment is attached for use (with claim renumbering) in the Examiner's Amendment.

The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application at the Office's convenience.

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